1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6.	Bihar Public Tubewells	Bihar	31.01.87	22.284 (78.00)	—	7.077 (34.76)	—	Completed
7.	Upper Krishna Irrigation Proj. Phase-II	Karnataka	16.6.89	169.208 (592.22)	26.420 (92.47)	40.984 (143.44)	11.081 (138.78)	Ongoing
8.	Maharashtra Composite Irrigation Project–III	Maharashtra	5.12.85	169.083 (591.79)	17.695 (161.93)	40.553 (141.93)	47.744 (167.19)	Ongoing
9.	Punjab Irrigation and Drainage Project	Punjab	9.2.90	171.429 (600.00)	7.037 (24.62)	23.414 (81.94)	24.591 (86.96)	Ongoing
10.	Haryana Water Resource Consolidation Project	Haryana	6.4.94	294.289 (1030.01)	—	14.423 (50.48)	17.840 (62.44)	Ongoing
11.	Tamil Nadu Water Resource Consolidation Project.	Tamil Nadu	29.4.95	282.9 (990.15)	—	—	12.438 (43.53)	Ongoing
12.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project.	Orissa	19.12.95	290.9 (1018.15)	—	—	14.207 (49.72)	Ongoing

[Translation]

Killing of Soldiers

4772. SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian soldiers killed while defending the borders during 1995-96;

(b) whether the Government propose to start any new scheme for the welfare of their families; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) During 1995-96 (from 1st April, 1995 to 31st March, 1996) 34 Army soldiers were killed on the spot while defending the borders.

The Army personnel killed in such incidents are treated as battle casualties. Their next-of-kins are entitled to benefits under the liberalised pension scheme. Other benefits include .compassionate employment etc.

Narmada Valley Projects

4773. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Narmada Valley projects and dams;

(b) whether the completion date of Rani Awantibai Sagar Project has been extended time and again;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the cost of escalation on this count;

(d) the latest position with regard to the construction of the above said dam; and

(e) the assessed life of the above mentioned dam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Smuggling of Rare Ancient 'Antiques'

4774. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that police had unearthed the smuggling of rare ancient monuments in July, 1996 during the raid at the residence of a retired officer of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid re-occurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. During a raid, fifteen sculptures were seized by the Madhya Pradesh Police from the residence of Shri S.P. Chatterji, Retd. Executive Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board in the Naya Gaon locality of Jabalpur.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Madhya Pradesh State Police is investigating into the case.

(c) The matter is still under investigation and the findings are awaited.

(d) The existing provisions under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 and Rules thereof are adequate enough to deal with such cases.

[Translation]

Bridge on N.H. 28, Bihar

4775. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister SURFACE TRANSPORT of be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridge on National Highway No. 28 in Bihar has collapsed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the road between Balia and Sahebpur Kamal on National Highway No. 31 has caved in; and

(d) the time by which Government propose to construct the bridge and the said road?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Displaced Persons Employed in Ordnance Factory at Badmal

4776. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of displaced persons employed in Ordnance Factory at Badmal, Bolangir District in Orissa;

(b) whether three is resentment regarding recruitment of semi-skilled and unskilled workers in the said factory; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Out of 1020 displaced families, 552 displaced persons are employed in factory so far. There has been some resentment among the local aspirants in the past regarding recruitment to the posts for which they were not educationally qualified. To enable providing employment to the remaining displaced persons, the Government has given a one time relaxation in education qualification for employment in Gp D and unskilled posts.

Ezhimala Naval Academy

4777. SHRI T. GOVINDAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
SHRI A.C. JOS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have taken any time bound plan to complete the work of Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala to avoid inordinate delay in commissioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of work completed so far and the total amount spent;

(d) whether the Government are considering to raise the cost of work to the escalated price level of 1996-97

(e) the reasons for inordinate delay in commissioning the Naval Academy; and

(f) the time by which Government plans to commission the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (f) As per the Cabinet's approval accorded in March, 1995, the Naval Academy Project is planned to be executed over a period of 8 years (1995-2002). The State Government is providing various infrastructural facilities required for the construction of the Naval Academy Project. These include water and electricity supply, roads and bridges, dredging of back waters etc. Details of work completed include construction of boundary wall, guard houses, employment of security agency, payment of architect fees for preparation of DPRs and Master Plan, procurement of transport, fire fighting equipments etc. The total expenditure on these is Rs. 182.46 lakhs.

2. The estimated cost of the Project at 1994 price level is Rs. 166.94 crores. Since the Project is in planning stage, it will be unrealistic at present to workout the cost increase.

3. After the approval of the Project by the Union Cabinet in March 1995, there has been some delay in commencement of the construction activities due to the